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REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Favorable consideration of the Response and Status Request filed March 24, 2004 are requested.

The claims have been amended above to include new claims 18-25 based on, for example, the disclosure of Figure 5, SEQ ID NOS:2, 4 and 5; and page 6, lines 26-27 as well as SEQ ID NOS: 9 and 11. The additional claims above are submitted to be patentable over the art, such as the previously cited Miura et al (European Journal of Biochemistry, 223, 141-146 (1994)) which, at a minimum, describes a mutation of a uricase protein in the C-terminal SRL sequence of the rat uricase to introduce a lysine for arginine. The presently claimed invention is submitted to be patentable over the cited art and consideration of all the pending claims and allowance of the same are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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